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THE THATCHER MANUSCRIPTS. Senator McMillan Wishes the Gov

ernment to Purchase Them. The manuscripts of the late Erastur Thatcher, relative to the history of Wash-. ington. Alexandria and Georgetown, their monicipal governments, public buildings, public institutions and works of art, have seen offered for sale to the Government for \$6,000. Senator McMillan will make an effort to secure the passage of a bill appropriating a sum for that purpose. Senator Kvie, of South Dakota, bus introduced an amendment to the sundry rivil bill for the purchase of the so-called Centennial memorial for the Library of Donarress His amendment contemplates the expenditure of \$25,000. This Cen-tential memorial is called, "The Admin-

istrators of the United States Government at the beginning of its second century. It is 37 by 50 inches in size and her-metically scaled between places of glass. Upon its face are the official autograph legislative officers administrating the Government in 1876, including President Grant and each member of his Cabinet, the chief justice and accocinte justices and members of the Schate and House of Repgraph, and was affixed with the distinct purpose of constituting the document a permanent mensarial of the Governments

Administration at the beginning of the second century of the life of the Repor This state paper was exhibited in a safeat Philadelphia at Independence Square as a part of the Centennial celebration and also formed a part of the exhibit in the Govemment hudding at the World's Colombian Exposition at Chicago

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WALKER, THE SUGAR TRUST OPPOSED NOT A PENNY THE ANNEXATION FEELING

It Does Not Wish to See Hawaii Annexed by United States.

TO COERCE THE PLANTERS

They Are Rebellious Against the Trust and Think They Should Have Some of the Profits Which Accrue From the Reciprocity Treaty Now in Force.

The sugar trust has entered as an obstructive element into the matter of the mexation of Hawaii. Some time ago, on the arrival of ex-Minister Thurston, Attorney General Smith and other repre sentatives of Hawaii here, The Times reviewed the situation and the probables lans of the annexationists. There has been no change in the status since then. It was stated then, on authority, that no legislative steps would be taken or asked until the tariff bill was practically out of the way. Since that statement there have been some conferences between Minister Hatch, Gen. Smith and the Secretary of State, but not wish a view to any imme-

diate action. The occasing of the sugar trust on the con-trovers is that it controls the sugar ex-port of the Hawakan Islands, wid it is valued at between seven and eight million uni-lars. Under the existing reciprocity treaty this sugar comes in free of duty, and the trust is anxious that this reciprocity be and sined and that the sugar planters renew their contracts with the trust before the next crop is ready for market. The sugar planters, however, have learned -

They think that they ought to have some care in the profits arising on account of the reciprocity, the trust being, under that arrangement, not obliged to pay the one and a half cent import duty necessary where there is no reciprocity. The sugar trust is now threatening the Hawaiian planters that, if they don't renew their contracts it will kill the reciprocity ar-rangement, and the way they propose to do it is by the votes of the Louisiana Senators and Representatives, the Ne braska Senators and Representatives and in general all the States which grow sugar, whether from cane or from beets.

One of the representatives and advocate of the annexation idea said today that it was hardly possible that the Congressional representatives of the sugar-growing inter ests of this country would be dragooned by the trust into helping to revenge it on the Hawaiian planters. But certainly if the reciprocity treaty was abrogated, it would be an open confession that it was done by the trust, and the Senators and Representatives could bear the edium of it if they

The sugar planters of the islands are in dilemma. They are opposed to annexaof Chinese later and cheap production of sugar, but on the other hand it has been sistrated that sugar cannot be made in Hawaii on the same terms and by the some closs as produces it in the United States. It is a question, therefore, whether the planters may not cancel their con-tracts with the sugar trast and join the annexation party. There is already a nucleus of planters who favor annexation, potwithstanding the general objection to the scheme on the part of the planters, and there is no telling what the present scheme of the crust may irritate the monof the arguments used against an nexation is that the annual and indefinite ncrease of Hawaiian sugar production will always be to the detriment of the Coiled States planters. The fact is, that Hawan produces only ene-tenth of the whole product, and that its increase can oly keep pace with the increase of the

demand in the United States. This agitation as stated is in some respects a new factor, but it was said yesterday that the trost cannot stem the tide in layor of annexation, if failing or ceeding in abolishing the reciprocity treaty, it should attempt to oppose the annexationists.

High School News.

s High School Sentor Literary nd Social Club met at the residence of Miss Burch, one of its most popular members, last Friday evening. The charming which occupied the early part of the evening. Lieut Burgess received the prize The ilteracy portion of the program con cerned Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Mr. Dur fey delivered a sketch of his life, and Miss Watson read one of her stories. Other means of great merriment were several games Refreshments were served about 11 o'clock Those present were teachers Misses Clark, Culver, McNally, and Col Richeldurfer; students, Misses Watson, Tutbill, Blanch and MacNelty, and Hughes; and Messis Capt. White, Adj. Thomas, Lieut, Burgess, Lieut. Fmu, Sergt. Amiss, Dick Richardon, Charile Hendley, I. W. Durfey, E. B. Roane, W. D. Burch and Guy Burch.

Bad Boys Were Punished. Boys who throw stones on the street or act in a disorderly manner, will be fined n brought before Judge Kimball. Policeman Harrison had William Walker, Aaron Young, Clifton Walker, and Louis Sacks, well-dressed lads, in court today, charged with throwing nilssiles on Potomac street northwest. One of the stones struck a olored girl, while others broke window in Mrs. Mickel's house The youthful mers were lectured and fined \$5

IT CAN'T BE DONE.

No One Can Remain Well, No Chronic Disease Can Be Cared Unless the Stomach Is First Made

Strong and Vigorous. This is plain because every organ in the body depends on the stomach for its nour-ishment. Nerve, bone, sinew, blood, are made from the food which the stomach

converts to our use. How useless to treat disease with this, that and the other remedy, and neglect the most important of all, the stomach. The earliest symptoms of indigestion are sour risings, had taste in the mouth gas in stomach and bowels, palpitation, all one feeling, faintness, beadaches, constipation; later comes loss of flesh, consumption, liver and heart troubles, kidney dis-eases, nervous prostration, all of which are the indirect result of poor nutrition Any person suffering from indigestion should make it a practice to take after each meal one of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tab-

lets, allowing it to dissolve in the mouth and thus mingle with the saliva and enter the stomach in the most natural way. These Tablets are highly recommended by Dr. Jennison because they are composed of the natural digestive acids and fruit esences which assist the stomach in digesting all wholesome food before it has time to

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SLEPT IN A REFRIGERATOR CAR Warmest Bed Tramp Lee Could Find in Town,

Harry Lee, a frowsy-looking individual, was charged with being a middle-of-the road vag in the police court this morning. "I found this man sleeping in a refrigercar last mght," testified Railroad Watchman Ruppel, who does duty in the freight yard at Thirteenth-and-a-half street and Virginia avenue southwest.

"Certainly a cold and key place to select for a bed," commented Judge Kimball. The prisoner shivered as ne remembered his imprempta couch in the traveling ice and turning to Eadliff Kendig, re marked:

"Yes, and I nearly friz to death last Judge Kimball gave him one hour to leave the city, and advised him to seek warmer lodgings in the future.

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. Mr. Canter to Be Presiding Elder -Mt. Vernon's New Pastor.

Staunton, Va . March 31 .- The one hun more annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South came to a close, last ev. ning, with the reading of appoint-Charles B. Galloway.

Rev. James E. Armstrong, the popular secretary of the conference, west from East Baltimore district to take charge of Salem He is succeeded by Rev. Isaac W. Canter, who goes from arount Verson Church, Washington, to become presiding elder. He is succeeded at the Washington charge by Rev. J. W. Duffey, who was presiding elder of the Winchester district last year. This made another vacant eldership, which is filled by Rev. B. W. Bond, who left the presidency of Randolph-Macon Academy a Front Royal to take up active pastoral

has been at Martinsburg, where he is succeeded by Rev. S. G. Ferguson. Rev. William Stevens goes to Wilkins Avenue Church, Baltimore, succeeding Rev. L. W. Haslup, who in turn succeeds at Frederick Avenue Rev. F. H. Shipley, who is sent to Reisterstown Mission. Rev. D. H. Kern succeeds Rev. J. H. Wells at North Baltimor Church.

The conference came to a close by the reading of the list of appointments by Bishop Galloway. Those in the Washington district are:

Presiding elder, James H. Boyd, Washing ton city: Mount Vernon Place and West Washington, J. W. Duffy and J. W. Beall; Epworth, J. O. Knott; Marvin, W. F. Locke Alexandria, J. T. Williams and J. H. Wells Fredericksburg, J. P. Stump; Falls Church A. M. Cackley; Lecsburg, E. V. Register Loudonn, G. T. Tyler, E. L. Woolf; Hamil ton, T. G. Neshitt; Hillshoro, S. B. Dolly Middleburg, S. B. Hilderbrand; Sterling A. Watter, J. R. Jacobs: Fairfax, C. K. Mel lican: Marshall, H. M. Strickler, H. T. Heironimus; Warrenton, J. S. Gardner Occoquan, J. W. Grubb; Sudley and Ma nassas, C. B. Sutton, D. L. Biackmore Fauquier. J. L. Grant: Stafford, A. R. Martin, and Morrisville, W. T. Gover

TOBACCO TRUST'S NEW MOVE

To Abandon Factor System and De unte Money to Customers.

New York, March 31. - The American To sacco Company has decided to abandon the factor plan of handling its product and will substitute therefor in States where it can be done a system of donating money or merchandise to the jobbers who purchase direct from the company. The trust issued a long circular to its customers yesterday to that effect. The circular sets forth that 'in many States legislatures have passed laws making illegal forms of contract

similar to factors agreements. "While these are probably unconstitu tional," it continues, "the litigation to est the act would entail less and expens to manufacturers and dealers alike. nd circular outlines the manner in which the trust hopes to evade the law concerning the factors agreements while giving customers equal benefits. It reads

"It is our hope that the success of our usiness will warrant our making donations of money or merchandise to our customers from time to time, in recognition of their interest in distributing our goods. Should we be able to carry out this intention the donation at first will be based primarily upon the amount of our products purchased by you direct from us, and secondarily upon the expense to us of maintaining the out-

put of our brands in your State." This action of the trust was accompa by the usual reports of cigarette and to-bacco wars, with which Wall street has been surfeited for some years. The stock of the company failed to respond to the rumors of impending rumous competition.

Many Representatives Favor the Annexation Sentiment.

MPORTANT JOINT RESOLUTION

The One Introduced in the House Some Time Ago by Gen. Spanlding, Which Provides for the Admission of the Islands as a State of the Union,

The sentiment in the House of Representatives in favor of the annexation of Hawaii is uncoubtedly growing. There being no committees, there is no telling what group of members will form the Foreign Relations Committee; but if members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the old Congress are reappointed the committee will be almost unanimously in favor of a bill accepting the proposition of the Bawaiian government when formally made to our own. A representative of The Times yesterday interviewed several members of the old committee and found them all of the opinion that the acceptance of the tender of Hawaii would prove immensely popular and be one of the great things for which the McKinley Administration will be remembered in history.

A joint resolution has been formally in-

A joint resolution has been contrary in-troduced in the Horse providing for the annexation of Hawaii, but as it less not come from any member of the old Foreign Affairs Committee it perhaps lacks significance as an expression of sentiment in the House. It does not grant a temporary territorial government, but provides for the admission of the islands as a State of the Union. This joint revolution was drafted by its author, Gen. Spaniding, largely after that which passed when Texas entered the Union. By the till the consent of Congress is given to annexation on the following conditions: All questions of boundary or jurisdiction that might arise with other governments or with the old royal government of Hawaii are to be ad justed by the Government of the United

The constitution of the new State, with the proper evidence of its adoption by the people, is to be transmitted to the Presiunder this bill before Jonuary 1898. When Hawaii is admitted into the Union under the bill, after ceding to the United States all public edifices, fortifications, barracks, ports and harbors, may and navy yards, docks, magazines, arms, armaments, and all other property and means pertaining to the public tense, the new State shall retain all pubtic funds, debts, taxes and dues of every kind which may belong to or be due and owing its government, and shall retain all vacant and unappropriated lands, to be applied to the payment of the debts and liabilities of Hawaii, and the residue of the lands are to be disposed of as the State may direct, but in no case are the debts and liabilities of Hawari to become charges upon the Government of the

United States Gen. Spaulding's bill also provides that if the President shall, in his judgment, deem it most advisable, instead of proceeding to ubmit an overture en the part of the United States for admission, then a State is to be formed out of the republic of Hawaii, with two Senators and one Representative in Congress, until the next apportionment of representation, and shall be admitted into fue Union on an equal footing with the existing States, as soon as the terms and condinous of admission and the cession of the Hawking territory to the United States shall be agreed upon by the Governments of Hawaii and the United States; and a sum of \$100,000 is appropriated to defrag the expenses of nissions and negotiations to agree upon the terms and conditions of admission and

ANNA DICKINSON'S SUIT.

Claims Damages for Alleged Faise Incarceration in Insane Asylum.

Scranton, Pa., March 31 -Taking testimony in the trial of the suit of Anna Rev. Runsey Smithson retired from the Dickinson against George B. Thompson, iding eldership of the Washington dis- Dr. Underwood and others for damages trict by the time limit, and is sent to growing out of her incarceration in the Charlestown, W. Va. He is succeeded in Danville Insune Asylum was begun yes-Washington by Rev. James H. Boyd, who terday. Miss Dickinson was the only witleft a vacancy in the Staunton oburen ness on her behalf. Her case was rerted to be filled by Rev. F. J. Prettyman, who as soon as her cross-examination ended. ness on her behalf. Her case was rerted The defense will occupy two days in bringing out its testimony.

One of the first questions asked of Miss Dickinson was as to her contract to speak for the Republicans during the campaign of 1888. She said it was made at the second ary headquarters at the Everett House in New York with the second vice president of the executive committee, Garret A. Ho bart, now Vice President of the United States. She was to receive \$125 a night for thirty nights, whether Harrison or Cleveland was elected, but if Harrison was elected she was to receive a bonus of \$1,250. She received nearly \$4,000 for

her services, but received no bonus. She brought suit for it, and her case was thrown out. She told of offers that she received about this time to go on the stage, to write for magazines and news papers, and to lecture for the W. C. T. U., and said she declined because of her case against the Republican national commit

At the time of her removal to an asy lum, she said, she had contracts for various public appearances. Miss Dickinson told the story of her confinement at the Danville asylum, for which she blamed the defendants.

Crap-Shooters Heavily Fined.

"Crap-shooters will be fined \$20 or sixty days each, when brought before me and onvicted," said Judge Kimball this morning, as he imposed that sentence on John Smith, Anthony Jeffry, and John Easton, colored, who were captured by Policeman Pat O'Brien, while "shootin' de bones" in St. Mary's court northwest.

The Bethel Society Celebrates. The Betnel Literary and Historical So ciety held a largely-attended meeting at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, on M street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth northwest, last night, at which the adop tion of the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States was cel-

Little Business Transacted. Delegates from eight trades unions at ended the meeting of the Building Trades Council, held last evening at No. 628 Lou istana avenue, the new home of the Elec-trical Workers. The only business con sidered was the formulating of plans to prosecute the boycott laid by the council.

Counterfeiters Run Down.

San Francisco, March 31,-For some nonths past a gang of counterfeiters have engaged in changing five-counterfeit pieces for good dollar money, the greater part going to pawa-brokers and brokmakers on the races. Two men were arrested on the track yesterday afternoon with counterfeit-egin in their possession. It is believed that the offi-

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Sc Dress Goods, 4 1-4c Flannels.

40c Red Flannel, 27c 39c Red Fiannel, 23c 18c Red Flannel, 12c. 39c White Flannel, 21c. 25c White Flannel, 19c. 18c Ret Flannel, 21c. 15c Domet Flannel, 11c. 10c Domet Finnuel, 7c sc Domet Flannel, 4 1-2c. 6 1-2c Outing Financi, 4 1-2c.

Wash Goods.

12 1-2c Dress Gingham, 5c. 10c Dress Gingham, 5c. Sc Dress Gingham, 5c. 61-2c Apron Gingham, 41-4c 12 1-2c Lawn and Dimity,

12 1-2c (yard wide) Per-ale,

6 1-2c Calico, 4 3-4c.

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House Furnishings,

10c Crash, 7c

25c Table Lines, 13c. 39c Table Lines, 22c 5 5cc Table Lines, 43c 75c Table Linen, 46c 98c Blankets, 44c. 15c Pillow Cases, 9c 12 1-2c Towels, 9c Se Towels, 50 6c Doylets, 4c.

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5c Calico, 4 1-2c.

ties Night Gowns, 73c. The Night Gowns, 35c

5c Crash, 3 1-4c.

58c Waite Spreads, 59c 59c Bed Sneets, 37c.

49c Night Gowns, 43c. 39c Chembers, 21c 17c Corset Covers, 11c. 25c Vests, 13c. 15c Vests, 13c. 10c Vests, 6c

5c Vests, 3-1-2c.

50c Corsets, 39c

\$1.25 Night Gowns, 79c

1ste Chuldren's Vests, 5c

Men's Goods. 50c Men's Underwear, 29c 25c Men's Underwear, 21c.

75c Men's Shuts, 46c 49c Men's Shuts, 26 39c Men's Shirts, 24c

16c Men's Cepars, 2c. 19c Suspenders, 11c 25c Boys' Whists, 12 1-2c 69c Boys' Whists, 43c

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SEYMOUR AS A REFORMER

He Republishes Parts of His Report for January.

The Patent Office Clerks and Attorneys Refuse to Believe in the Commissioner's Sincerity.

John S. Seymour, Commissioner of Patents, in the current number of the Official Gazette of the Patent Office, republishes parts of the report which he submitted to Congress on January 31. This publication was designed apparent-

ly to emphasize the Commissioner's stand is a champion of civil service reform, and it is just this feature of the paper which has aroused the ire of these Patent Office cierks and patent attorneys, who refuse to believe in the sincerity of Commissioner Seymour, when he protests that he is a civil service reformer.

The Commissioner sets forth in one section that in no case have political consid-

pointments or promotions, and, except in three cases, the political preferences of the caudidates have not been known. He Bays. "I think it may be said without estenta tion and without mental reservation that the civil service law and the rules under it nd the practice grounded upon both have

erations entered into the question of ap-

been sincerely applied both in the letter and in the spirit " Then, in the following sections the Comnissioner proceeds to show a wonderful inderstanding of the politics of the people er him. He sees forth that the best re sults of the civil service cannot be realized util the office is fairly representative of political parties.

This at present," continues Mr. Seyna is not the case. Although the civil service act has been in operation for twelve years, and though eight of those years have been under Democratic administrations, the percomel of the Patent Office is probably fourfifths Republican today."

He proceeds to detail the political prefrences of his subordinates as follows: Of the examiners-in-chief, two are Republicans and one a Democrat, two having been appointed under the present Adminis-tration. Of the primary examiners, includ-ing the examiner of interferences, twentysix are Republicans and seven are Democrats. Of the three chiefs of divisions, two are Democrats and one Republican. Of the three assistant chiefs of division, all are Republicans. The librarian, the machinist

and the financial cierk are all Republicans "Of the force in the four rooms of the Commissioner and assistant commissioner, seven in number, five are Republicans and two are Democrats. Of the five \$1,800 cierks, which include the application cierk and the clerk of interference and appeal records, all are Republicans. Of the six clerks at \$1,600, all are Republicans. Of the fourteen clerks at \$1,400, I cannot speak so positively, but nearly all are Reublicans, and of the remainder of the force I ar anot able to speak so positively,

nor is it necessary. "The total result is that a body of opinion is formed with a distinct political bias, not outspoken but real, and not always One result is unusual profes friendly. sions of loyalty during the early stages of an administration, not always followed by acts and expressions entirely consistent therewith."

Commissioner Seymour states that under the last Administration sixty-four original appointments have been made in the examiners' corps in the lowest grade strictly upon competitive examinations conducted under the direction of the Civil Service Commission, and three appoint-

aminations has been very low, has been idvanced from \$1,200 to \$2,000, then to \$2,250, and recently to the post of principal examiner at a salary of \$2,500. They charge that, as Commissioner Seymour was a political appointee, so, too, have his appointments and promotions been largety political.

Bank Cashier Dawson Indicted. St. Paul, Minn., March 31.-William Dawson, jr., cashier of the failed Bank of dinnesota, has been indicted on the charge of filing false reports with the bank ex-The falsity is said to have consisted in the absence of any reference to loans to Dawson's father.

Mr. Roosevelt's Horses Sold. London, March 31 .- Mr. J. R. Roosevelt, late first secretary of the United States embassy, has disposed of his stable of horses by public sale and will start for

JAMESON RAIDER RELEASED. Kruger's Grandson Punished fo

Insulting Queen Victoria. London, March 31 - Major Sir John Willoughby, who, together with Dr. L. S.

Jameson, Major R. White, Col. H. F. White, Col. R. Gray, and Capt. Coventry was convicted of participation in the Jameson raid into the Transvaal, was released from Holloway jail this morning his term of ten mouths' imprisonmen having expired. br. Jameson, the leader of the raid, who was sentenced to fifteen months' im

prisonment, was released on December 2 on account of Ill-health; Col. H. F. White and Col. R Grey were liberated at the expiration of their five months' sentences on December 26, and Major R. White wa released on February 27, his term of seven months' imprisonment having expired. Capt. Coventry received a sentence of prisonment, but was re leased in the latter part of August, 1896 the physicians of Holloway jail bertifying that further confinement would endanger his life, as he was suffering from the effects of a wound received in the fight between the raiders and the Boers at

Krugersdorp, on December 31, 1895. A disputch from Pretoria says that President Kruger's grandson, an officer of the government at Krugersdorp, has been suspended from duty for having used language insulting to Queen Victoria, and an

NEW YORK POLICE MYSTIFTED. Escape and Recapture of a Heav-

Embezzler Savors of Scandal, New York, March 31 .- Antonio Christen sen, captured yesterday for the second time In this city as a fugitive from justice, assertathat he paid \$300 for his liberty after his first arrest although he had been su posedly turned over on requisition proceed ings to the proper authorities of Michigan The police department of this city is

now endeavoring to discover whether be is lying, whether he escaped from the offi cers to whom he was turned over, whether they let him go, or whether they, as well as Gov. Pingree, of Michigan; Gov. Black, of this State, and the prisoner himself have been buncoed by two elever swindlers. Christensen, who was wanted in Rida way. Mich., on a charge of embezzling \$30,000 from a creamery firm, was turned

sheriff and district attorney, respect vely, of Lanawee county, Mic A detective saw Christensen at the Grand Central depot yesterday and arrested him The prisoner said the two men let him go frefor a consideration of \$300, but the polle

wer on requisition papers to two men from

Michigan, who represented themselves as

think that he is lying.

An Evening With Beecher. The Epworth League, of Metropolitan M. E. Church, spent "An Evening with Henry Ward Beecher" last night in the ecture-room of the church, Miss Clara C. Lutz presiding. The exercises were opened, as usual, with a prayer service, fter which an address, entitled "The Life and Influence of Beecher," was delivered by Rev. G. H. Cory, D.D., and readings were given by Miss Haines, Dr. Moffitt, and Mr. Oberhoiser. The musical numbers of the program were given by Mis-Stuart and Mr. H. C. Hooker.

For the Benefit of the Unemployed The Ladies' Guild, composed of the wives and daughters of the members of Columbia Typographical Union, No. 161, will give a dinner today at Typographical Tem ple, from 4:30 to 7:30 p. m., for the ben-efit of the families of the out-of-work members of the union.

MR. HERMANN'S PROMISES

The New Land Commissioner Free From All Corporate Influences.

His Ambition to Administer the Office With Justice to All-Settiers' Rights to Be Protected.

There is probably no man who heesled the advice of tireday to "Go West" who has returned to the East with more honors than Singer Bermann, how the Commisicr of the General Land Office of the Government. He is a man of small stature, but of strong inplient. In conversation yesterday he staned his highest ambition was to fulfill to the utmost the trust im-

posed upon him by President McKinley or at least I hope to so conduct it, as to gain a cresimma it for the Administration moler whom I serve. I am allied to no purations. If upon my decision depends the home of a settler in the far West as against the title of land under a railroad grant, I will be just. No corporate uffigence will sway me, of that I am

The defeat of Mr. Hermann for re-election to Congress as well as the latture of the Oregon legislature to re-elect Hon. John H. Mitchell as Senator, was caused solely by easton in their party ranks. Had either gentlemna's fate been netermined by repu-lar rate he would have been returned, at least so say the gentlemen conversand

with Oregon politics, MISS MURPHY'S ESTATE.

American Girl Who Died in London Left a Large Fortune. Oakland, Cal., March 31 .- Victor H. detenif, who was the local representative n Onkland of Missisabel Murphy, daughter of the late Daniel Marphy, of San Francisco who died in England hist week, last night applied to the superior court for an order

ier estate. In his polition he states that

the true name of the deceased is Mary Mar-garet Isabel Morphy, and she left an es-

tate valued at \$450,000. He asserts that

she left a will in his presented mane time

ago in which she named him and Miss Frances J. Murphy as executor and executrix. Almost the cutive estate, he adds, in San Francisco and Oakland The heirs named in the pelition are amuel J Murphy a resident of England: Madame De Dominguez, wife of Vicente J. Deminguez charge d'affaires of the Argentine legation at Panis: Anna T. Wolsley.

resident of London: Francis and Daniel T. Murphy, residents of San Francisco. Judge Ogden appointed Mr. Metcaif speetal administrator, with bonds at \$100,000 The attorney believes that the will be holds s the last testament of Miss Murphy. By the terms of that document the testatrix leaves the bulk of her estate to her smters. He discredits the story that her death was caused by alcoholism and that

the willed her property to a Catholic priest. Lake Seamen's Wages Reduced Cleveland, Otto, March 31. - The executive board of the Lake Carriers Association held a meeting yesterday and decided upon a general reduction of wages. It ras resolved to decrease the wages of all classes of labor from last year's scale. The reduction is from \$1 to \$10 per month and applies to all employes from

mates to cooks' assistants.

ments were made by transfers from other bureaus in the lowest grades. The critics of Commissioner Seymour in the department cite particularly the case of one man, a Georgia Democrat, who, although his standing in competitive examinations has been very low, has been

Notwithstanding

the fact that this great FIRE SALE has been going on "between" PAY DAYS, our store has been crowded from opening to closing time every day. In fact, we have had to lock the doors upon many occasions, the crowds of buyers were so clamorous to get some of the bargains. A beg lot of guods from our basement and second floor have now been put on sale, and although but slightly damaged by smoke and water, will be sold at "FIRE SALE" prices. Now for the rush for prime bargains, and to meet this rush we have secured extra salespeople, who will want upon you with all possible promptitude. Cur prices may startle you, but we know they'il please, so don't miss this GREATEST OF SALES.

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